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Title: Need to expedite electrification work of the railway lines in Ranaghat- Gede and Ranaghat- Bongaon sections in West Bengal.

SHRI AJOY MUKHOPADHYAY (KRISHNAGAR): Sir, the Sealdah Division of the Eastern Railway is one of the oldest Railway Divisions. After long pursuation, however, the demand of electrification of Ranaghat-Gede and Ranaghat-Bongaon sections was acceded to and both were included in the Railway Budget as on-going projects. But the progress of the work is either negligible or nil. Moreover, the railway facilities available in the two important border districts of West Bengal viz. Nadia and Murshidabad are extremely poor. This lack of railway facilities even after 50 years of independence of the country is agitating the mind of the people and their resentment is mounting day by day.

In the circumstances, the urgent need of the hour is to speed up the on-going projects of electrification work of the railway lines in Ranaghat-Gede and Ranaghat-Bongaon sections and also to take up the works of doubling the railway line from Kalinarayanpur Junction to Krishnagar, electrification of line between Krishnagar and Lalgola and construction of a new railway line from Krishnagar to Berhampur via Karimpur.

I, therefore, urge the Government to fulfil these demands of the people immediately.